

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A fuel cell system comprising:
a fuel cell ~~[[(20)]]~~;
an electric power storing ~~means (30)~~ device; and
an electric power supplying ~~means (50, 20a, 30a)~~ device for supplying electric power to a load from the fuel cell and the electric power storing ~~means~~ device, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein
the electric power supplying ~~means (50, 20a, 30a)~~ device includes intermittent operation ~~means (50)~~ device for stopping operation of the fuel cell ~~[[(20)]]~~ when an amount of electric power required by the load is smaller than a reference value, and starting the stopped operation of the fuel cell ~~[[(20)]]~~ when the amount of electric power required by the load is equal to or larger than the reference value, and threshold value adjusting ~~means (50)~~ device for adjusting the reference value according to internal electromotive force (~~V_{ocv}~~) in the fuel cell ~~[[(20)]]~~ whose operation has been stopped.
2. (Currently amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein
the threshold value adjusting ~~means (50)~~ device decreases the reference value according to a decrease in the internal electromotive force (~~V_{ocv}~~) in the fuel cell ~~[[(20)]]~~ such that a time at which the operation of the fuel cell ~~[[(20)]]~~ is started is relatively advanced.
3. (Currently amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein
the threshold value adjusting ~~means (50)~~ device stores data related to the reference value that needs to be set according to the internal electromotive force (~~V_{ocv}~~) in the fuel cell ~~[[(20)]]~~.
4. (Currently amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

the reference value includes a first reference value $[(P_s)]$ and a second reference value $[(P_{on})]$ that is larger than the first reference value $[(P_s)]$; the intermittent operation ~~means (50)~~ device stops the operation of the fuel cell $[(20)]$ when the amount of electric power required by the load is smaller than the first reference value $[(P_s)]$, and starts the stopped operation of the fuel cell $[(20)]$ when the amount of electric power required by the load is equal to or larger than the second reference value (P_{on}) ; and the threshold adjusting ~~means (50)~~ device adjusts the second reference value (P_{on}) according to the internal electromotive force (V_{ocv}) in the fuel cell $[(20)]$ whose operation has been stopped.

5. (Currently amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

the threshold value adjusting ~~means (50)~~ device decreases the second reference value (P_{on}) according to a decrease in the internal electromotive force (V_{ocv}) in the fuel cell $[(20)]$ such that a time at which the operation of the fuel cell $[(20)]$ is started is relatively advanced.

6. (Currently amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

the threshold value adjusting ~~means (50)~~ device stores data related to the second reference value (P_{on}) that needs to be set according to the internal electromotive force (V_{ocv}) in the fuel cell $[(20)]$.

7. (Currently amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

the electric power storing ~~means (30)~~ device includes at least one of a secondary battery and a capacitor.

8. (Currently amended) An electric vehicle ~~including~~ comprising:

a motor $[(32)]$ that generates power for the vehicle; and

a fuel cell system that includes a fuel cell, an electric power storing device, and an electric power supplying means (50, 20a, 30a) device for supplying electric power to the motor $[(32)]$ from $[[a]]$ the fuel cell $[(20)]$

and the electric power storing ~~means (30)~~ device, characterized in that wherein

the electric power supplying ~~means (50, 20a, 30a)~~ device includes an intermittent operation ~~means (50)~~ device for stopping operation of the fuel cell $[(20)]$ when an amount of electric power required by the load including the motor $[(32)]$ is smaller than a reference value, and starting the stopped operation of the fuel cell $[(20)]$ when the amount of electric power required by the load is equal to or larger than the reference value, a threshold adjusting ~~means (50)~~ device for adjusting the reference value according to internal electromotive force (V_{ocv}) in the fuel cell $[(20)]$ whose operation has been stopped.

9. (Currently amended) The electric vehicle according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

the reference value includes a first reference value $[(P_s)]$ and a second reference value (P_{on}) that is larger than the first reference value $[(P_s)]$; the intermittent operation ~~means (50)~~ device stops the operation of the fuel cell $[(20)]$ when the amount of electric power required by the load is smaller than the first reference value $[(P_s)]$, and starts the stopped operation of the fuel cell $[(20)]$ when the amount of electric power required by the load is equal to or larger than the second reference value (P_{on}); and the threshold adjusting ~~means (50)~~ device adjusts the second reference value (P_{on}) according to the internal electromotive force (V_{ocv}) in the fuel cell $[(20)]$ whose operation has been stopped.